GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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LOW COST AIR SERVICES FOR N.E. REGION
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether different destinations in the North East including Guwahati, Shillong, Aizawal, Dibrugarh and Itanagar have been connected with low-cost air services from Kolkata and other stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the nature and frequency of air links set up; and

(c) the other destinations which are proposed to be linked in future?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- At present Dibrugarh, Guwahati & Aizwal in the North East are connected with Kolkata and other distination by Air Deccan, a low cost airline, as under:-

Sector	Aircraft	Flights/week
Kolkata-Guwahati-Dibrugarh & Return	ATR42	7
Delhi-Guwahati-Delhi	A-320	1
Delhi-Guwahati-Bagdogra-Delhi	A-320	3
Delhi-Bagdogra-Guwahati-Delhi	A-320	3
Kolkata-Guwahati-Dibrugarh & Return	ATR42	7
Kolkata-Aizwal-Kolkata	ATR42	7
Delhi-Guwahati-Bagdogra-Delhi	A320	3
Delhi-Bagdogra-Guwahati-Delhi	A320	3
Kolkata-Bagdogra-Kolkata	ATR42	7

(c):- Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government.